THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No proposal to set up a Uranium Processing Plant in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Addition of nuclear energy capacity

259. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has accepted a recommendation to raise India's nuclear energy capacity to 100,000 MW in 25 years; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commisssion had constituted an expert committee to formulate an integrated energy policy for the country. The expert committee in its draft, report has suggested the possibility of reaching nuclear power capacity of 48,000 MWe to 63,000 MWe in the next 25 years or so, by a mix of indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors, Fast Breeder Reactors and Light Water Reactors based on imports and is contingent on availability of fuel/reactors through international cooperation in nuclear field.

Additional generation of electricity

260. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual generation of electricity by each Nuclear Power Plant during the last three years, year-wise and plant-wise;

(b) the expected additional generation of electricity from each plant during the period 2006-07 and 2007-08; and

(c) the extent to which the demand of the country shall be met as a result of such generation of electricity particularly in Uttar Pradesh?